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LETTER SUBMITTING CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

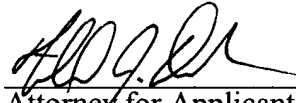
Transmitted herewith are three (3) sheets of formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file in the above-identified application.

These replacement drawings are being submitted to obviate objections set forth in the Office Action dated June 18, 2004, in the subject application. In the replacement drawings, Figure 6 has been amended to replace “A” and “B” with --AA-- and --BB--, respectively; Figure 10 has been amended to replace “TRANSPART” with --TRANSPORT--; and Figure 14 has been amended to replace “43a,” “43b,” and “43c” with --243a--, --243b--, and --243c--, respectively, and to include reference numeral 260.

No new matter is being added by these changes. Acceptance of the replacement drawings is respectfully sought.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M.J. Didas", is written over a horizontal line.

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